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SUBJ: CHINESE VIEWS ON HANDLING OF KOREAN ISSUE IN
28TH UNGA.

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1. IN SEPARATE AFTER-DINNER CONVERSTATIONS ON JULY 30
OF AMBASSADOR BENNETT WITH CHINESE PERM REP HUGAN HUA
AND DEPUTY PERM REP CHUANG YEN, BOTH RAISED QUESTION OF
FORTHCOMING GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA. AFTER ROUTINE DENUN-
CIATION OF SOVIET PROPAGANDA MANEUVERS ON DISARMAMENT
AND OTHER ISSUES (IN A SIDE CONVERSATION MADAME HUANG
SPOKE OF SOVIET-UN CONDUCT IN SHARPLY CRITICAL TONE CON-
CLUDING THAT IT WAS MOTIVATED ENTIRELY ""OPPORTUNISM""),
IT BECAME OBVIOUS THAT PRIMARY CHINESE INTEREST INVOLVED
HANDLING OF KOREAN ITEM. AMBASSADOR HUANG TOOK LINE THAT
KOREANS ALREADY AGREED THAT KOREA WAS ONE STATE AND THAT
GA SHOULD DO WHAT IT COULD TO ENCOURAGE THIS OBJECTIVE.
HE SUGGESTED THAT GA SHOULD PASS RESOLUTION TO ABOLISH
UNCURK AND UNC AND ENCOURAGE TWO KOREA GROUPS TO WORK FOR UNIFICATION.

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UNCURK AND UNC. BENNETT RESPONDED THAT WE HAD NOT AS YET DETERMINED OUR POSITION FOR GA BUT ONE POINT, FOR INSTANCE, TO BE CONSIDERED WOULD BE LEGAL EFFECT ON ARMISTICE OF ANY ACTION ON UNC. HUANG BRUSHED THIS POINT ASIDE, SAYING IN EFFECT THAT ARMISTICE HAD LONG SINCE BEEN SUPERSEDED BY NEW SITUATION. NORTH AND SOUTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES WERE NOW TALKING WITH EACH OTHER LOOKING TOWARD REUNIFICATION, AND IT WAS DUTY OF UN MEMBERSHIP TO DO NOTHING TO DISTURB THAT TREND. DID THIS MEAN, BENNETT ASKED, THAT CHINA WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF DEFERRING CONSIDERATION OF KOREAN ITEMS AGAIN THIS YEAR AS HAD BEEN THE CASE FOR PAST TWO ASSEMBLIES. HUANG SMILED AND REPLIED, NO, THIS DID NOT MEAN THAT CHINA WAS IN FAVOR OF DEFERRING CONSIDERATION OF KOREAN ISSUE.

2. HUANG DID NOT COMMENT DIRECTLY ON POSSIBILITY OF ADMITTING TWO KOREAS AS UN MEMBERS BUT AMBASSADOR CHUANG WAS BLUNT AND OUTSPOKEN ON THIS POINT. HE SAID FLATLY IT WAS QUITE UNACCEPTABLE TO CONSIDER BRINGING TWO KOREAS INTO UN SINCE KOREA WAS ONE STATE. HE CONTRASTED SITUATION WITH GERMANY IN COMMENTING THAT GERMANY HAD BEEN SPLIT INTO TWO PARTS EVER SINCE WORLD WAR II AND HAD THUS DEVELOPED INTO TWO COUNTRIES WHEREAS KOREA HAD BEEN UNIFIED AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II AND THEN HAD BEEN SEPARATED BY FORCE LATER.

3. COMMENT: LINE TAKEN BY TOP CHINESE HERE IN NEW YORK SEEMS CONSIDERABLY HARDER THAN THAT REPORTED REFTEL BY BRITISH ON THEIR PEKING CONVERSATION WITH PRC VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
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